

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 14, 1902, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks, Washington, D. C. May 14, 1902. Dear Alec:

(first part of letter left out)

Bert wrote the article in the Post about the Geographic expedition and he did all the work he attributed to Mr. McGee. Bert also gave a dinner to members of the Society at Chevy Chase which was a great success. He says your Fellowship has saved the Society, some people outside wanted to form a small one for Scientific members only, Now they are satisfied. Bert says the devotion of the Board of Managers to you is something remarkable, that Gannett who was your worst opponent is now devoted to you and will do anything you want. He himself and Mr. Gannett are great friends now and you know how strongly they were opposed. I don't know yet how much you are to subscribe, they had to act quickly, and just took the chance they had and sent the members off. Hundreds of applications for the Dixie were received from all parts of the country, and Mr. Hill was deluged with requests for articles, but Bert got him first. Mr. Dunn has gone too. I was so pleased. He telegraphed me, "Thanks for message, Am going anyway through Root." So I replied "Very glad indeed, Very much disappointed I could not help you, Congratulations, best wishes." Extravagant for me wasn't it, and not being sure of his number and not trusting Arthur's telephonic powers I went all the way down to the main telegraph office myself to get the number from my previous telegram. I do like that boy.

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The carriage is here, so goodbye.

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I am ever yours, Later. Your telegram received, I will ask Bert just what he did, but there have been at least three notices in Post, one said you were going, and he told me yesterday that he had sent word to all papers.